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State Highlights

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WILL EXPAND SEVENTH GRADE

WKZO Broadcasts Experiment Assembly

An experiment assembly, a transcription of which was broadcasted over station W. K. Z. O. in a Radio Series Forums for Youth, on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 3:00, was given in the Little Theater, Friday 6, at 8:00.

There was a panel discussion on the question, "In What Way Can the United States Best Help Europe?" The panel members consisted of students selected from the government and the advanced speech class. Betsy Davis, Donna Kowalski, Tom Murray, Ardith Kalleward, John Gary, and Tony Ver Hey are the panel members with Dr. Willis Dunbar as the moderator.

The first half of the forum was a discussion of the question by the panel itself, and in the second half it was thrown open to the audience.

Kalamazoo Central, Holland, South Haven, Hastings, Marshall, Coldwater, Sturgis, Three Rivers, Niles, and Allegan are some of the schools that have participated in this type of panel discussion.

Civics Classes Near Goal

The government classes are proud to report that they have almost \$90 toward their goal of \$96 which will "adopt" a European child for a year. It is hoped that one more sale will make up the remainder of the amount. They have recently sent in their first two monthly installments of \$8 each. These are for January and February. They hope to soon hear from the child.

The adoption of the child by the government classes will be printed in the Michigan Secondary School Association Bulletin. This bulletin is sent to all schools in Michigan.

Forty Enjoy Toboggan Party

Forty members of the biology classes journeyed to Echo Valley, Campbell Lake Wednesday, January 28, for a toboggan party. According to Mr. Deur, Mr. Meyers, and Mr. Kling, student teacher, who accompanied them, they had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

CALENDAR

Feb. 13—Basketball game at Buchanan

Feb. 13—Canteen

Feb. 13—Miss Steketee's tea for senior girls

Feb. 17—Three Rivers game at home

Feb. 20—Basketball game at St. Joe

Feb. 21—Red Cross dance

To Add Three New Clubs This Semester

Three new clubs have been added to the list for this semester. They are the Science Club, under the direction of Mr. Raymond Deur, the Sub-debs supervised by Miss Elizabeth Musselman, and the Girls' Athletic Association sponsored by Mrs. Helen Brown.

When asked as to his plans for his Science Club, Mr. Deur replied that he would like to have a list made by the members and himself at the first meeting, of everything they would like to do, and then decide how many they could carry out. He listed biology, physics, or physical science as some he might suggest. Also science movies and hikes can be planned.

The purpose of the Sub-deb Club is to teach girls how to give a party, how to make a keep friends, the rules of etiquette: in short, how to be charming.

Mrs. Brown hopes the members of her Girls' Athletic Association choose to play basketball. She would like enough interest in it to have contests between homerooms. She said that there will also be a play-day such as they had last December, in which girls from State High, Richland, Portage, and Paw Paw competed. If there is not enough interest for these homeroom contests the girls will just compete among themselves.

No Highlights Club This Year

Instead of the usual Highlights Club which is held to instruct the new members of the school paper, a Creative Writing and Journalism Club will be organized by Miss Ellen Burns. From this club the new members will be selected. Anyone may join the club who is interested in newspaper work. The members who show the most interest, best ability, and who would really enjoy being on the paper will be chosen.

Two Grades Added To the High School

Dr. Roy C. Bryan has announced a new plan for students entering the Training School. Starting next year there will be two sections of the Seventh grade. Previously only a few applicants could be admitted to this grade. Under this changed plan twenty-five new students can be admitted. This plan will give more pupils a chance to plan their curriculum on a six year basis, from the seventh through twelfth. Also the new policy will give teachers and pupils alike a chance to get acquainted early. This should mean greater opportunities to develop special abilities in extra-curricular activities like athletics, music, and dramatics.

Vocational Guidance

The "Who's New" Club of the Y. W. C. A. realizing the need of some type of vocational guidance for students, asked a panel of State High students to discuss this issue at a meeting several months ago. As a result, Vocational Clinic was held at 8:00, Wednesday evening, February 4, under the leadership of Miss Elizabeth Jones, to which any students seeking advice pertaining to the selection of jobs and like work, could attend. A movie "Aptitudes or Vocations" was shown, after which specially chosen vocational advisors received students' questions. Some of the vocations discussed were nursing, teaching, advertising, engineering, and law. Miss Jones thought the plan was very successful.

Results and Regrets Given

In the previous issue we were unable to state who had been elected as president of homeroom 219. However, they have since elected Jim Russel as president for the new semester.

We regret that we are unable to print the honor roll this semester. We shall, if at all possible, print it next time.

Select Your Job With Care

A little over six years ago on a nice Sunday afternoon in December you probably heard that the United States had been plunged into war by a sneak attack at Pearl Harbor on the part of the Japanese. It really seems marvelous how a nation can organize itself in time of war to bring about full production and a general strengthening of military forces when a real, visible enemy is to be fought. You probably remember now the spirits of all Americans were affected. Songs came out with titles like: "Let's Remember Pearl Harbor" and "Good-by Mama, I'll See You in Yokohama." The main thought in just about everybodys mind was to get this blasted war over with. I wonder how many people during the war years, really gave some thought as to how much good the winning of the war alone was going to do us. If we were to win the war and let it go at that, the same thing would probably happen as happened after the first world war. What we needed was to WIN THE PEACE.

After the war, a good number of us thought that the battle war was over and here the victors could rest. We became conceited because we thought that no country could defeat the good old U. S. A. When people get conceited that is a sign of stupidity according to Sir William Asler, who says, "Conceit is a local anesthetic which deadens the pain of stupidity."

Finally, when this effect wore off to some extent, people began to realize that winning the peace was pretty important after all. Now world peace is a big thing and cannot be obtained until petty jealousies, minute bickering, and unfounded prejudices are driven out of the way. It is a give and take idea. Compromises must be reached. To reach these compromises and to make the great decisions in a changing world require smart men and women. This is where you come in. This country and the whole world needs the right kind of men and women in the right kind of jobs. This is one main reason why a course has been in some of your classes to help you select the job you are suited for.

This is one reason why Mr. Sheldon Myers, math teacher, has gone to a great deal of trouble in providing a chance for the seniors to take an aptitude test. Certainly if this matter was not important, men and women like Mr. Myers, Miss E. Steketee, and Miss E. Jones would not have devoted their time and energy to offering you this opportunity. Miss Jones organized a vocational clinic last Wednesday to give practical information to the students. This clinic, I know, helped a lot of us to clear up problems which had risen in our minds. One thing which I believe everyone heard was to learn how to study before you go to college. So, when you select your job, be it skilled, professional, or non-skilled select it carefully!

Dale A. Griffith

State Highlights

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Library Club Plans Different Activities

Because of the many clubs offered to State High students, the Library Club has found its numbers reduced to four who have no other club they wish to belong to. In view of the fact that the other members wish to continue serving five periods a week, or less, they will still get their pins at the end of the year, even though they will no longer belong to the club.

The remaining four members, Marilyn Carlson, Carole Lage, Ann Solomon, and Alice Teugh, will meet on Fridays with Mrs. Gertrude O'Connor. They have decided to do this at their meetings. They are going to have a short business meeting and the rest of the time will be spent on library work for which they will get extra credit. In order to keep all the assistant and associates informed on the library business and any changes made, a combined social and business meeting will be held about once a month, which will be attended by all the assistants in other clubs.

STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE

Students are asked to take note about the system of reserving a new book. If you wish to reserve a book, write your name on the slip of paper clipped to the book card. When your turn has come your name will be written on a blue card which is on the top of the file drawers in the library. Students are asked to keep watch of this card if you have a book reserved and to notify any of your friends if you see their names on the card. When your turn comes to a book be sure to cross your name off the blue card and the slip of paper clipped to the book card. If it is your turn to a book please be sure and get it as soon as possible. The book will be kept only a certain length of time. Then it will go to the next person on the list.

Also if a student wishes to have a book for two weeks, please tell the monitor when you get your book. Then it will be stamped with the purple stamp which is for two weeks.

(Continued on Column 3)

ATTEND The Game AT BUCHANAN

(Continued from Column 2)
NEW BOOKS

A new set of modern career books have been ordered for the library. Some other new books just arrived are: "Green Grass of Wyoming" by Mary O'Hara, "Sport For the Fun of It" by John R. Tunis, "Glass House of Prejudice" by Bernard Baruch, and Dyke's Automobile Encyclopedia, by A. L. Dyke.

Some recommended books for enjoyable reading are: "Look To The Mountain" by LeGrand Cannon, "Pastoral" by Nevil Shute, "The Tree of Liberty" by Elizabeth Page, and "Batter Up" by Jackson Scholz.

New Girls Join Our School

There are two new members in State High this semester. Zelma Albert is a member of the sophomore class. She is fifteen, comes from Port Huron, and likes swimming and playing the saxophone. "Pretzie's" hobby is collecting different shapes of soap.

The new member of the Junior class is Barbara Hughes, who comes from Champaign, Illinois. "Barb" is a member of choir and says she likes all subjects. Golf is her favorite sport, and she likes to read.

Both girls say that they like us. We hope they will continue to do so.

STATE HIGH DEFEAT



"THE STARTING FIVE"

Adamsmen Look For New Track Prospects

This year's State High Track team is working out in the gym in preparation for three indoor meets including the River Rouge Invitational Meet which is annually held in Yost Field House. This meet is the largest indoor high school track meet in the world. The thinclads have looked impressive in daily workouts and time trials.

The nucleus around which coach Adams is bolstering his "48" squad are ten returning lettermen including Jack Sipperly, Bill Glennon and Ted Holman in the dashes; Tom McKinney in the quarter mile; Roger McMurray in the half mile; and Dick Roberts and Christ Nezamis in the mile. John Smith, Roger Burns, and Howard Gilmore are counted on to hold up the field events with Smith repeating in the hurdles along with Dick Dorgan. Other boys in the distance events are Howard French, Ronald Selner, Dick Koloff, and John Post in the distances.

The squad should win its share of meets this spring, but needs better balance to become a real conference threat. Coach Adams will welcome any new prospects who may talk to him any afternoon between three and four o'clock.

Tom Woodworth Has 86 Points So Far

For this week's interview, I have chosen one of State High's three-sport athletes, Tom Woodworth.

Tom lives in Schoolcraft (Michigan), where he attended grade school. He played for the Wesco Cubs basketball team before he came to State High.

In his first year Tommy went out for football, basketball, and baseball, and was fairly successful in all three. During the summer months Tom plays for the Ramona Bears.

This year Tom is doing a swell job for the basketball team. This is proved by the 86 points he has made so far. Tom hopes that the team will be playing better by tournament time. So far they've had pretty hard luck.

When asked about next year's team, Tommy said that we should have a pretty good club because there are so many lettermen coming back.

Tom told me, "I eat Wheaties, the breakfast of champions." So all you fellows that want to be athletes—take a hint.

Get Well Quick

The Basketball five has been greatly hampered with the loss of letterman Jim "Face" Orwin who broke his collar bone in an accident on the ice. Orwin should be back with the squad by tournament time, however. Quick recovery "Face."

...eased it
...the first half.
...was better in the
...from Woodworth providing
...the spark.

The Cubs were in trouble in the third session, had difficulty in getting their passes off, and failed to come back on defense. Niles took advantage of this, and spurted to a 9-3 point advantage. Cannady sent the visitors ahead, 21-19, but Smith sunk a one-hander to tie the count, and added a free throw to give State a 22-21 lead as the period ended.

The Cubs held their lead and showed nifty stalling tactics to put the game on ice, with Smith's last ten second bucket.

It was a satisfactory evening for the Kalamazocans, as the Cub seconds notched a 36-to-26 win over the Niles reserves in the preliminary. Frank Spitters was high for the locals with 10 points, while Joe Zitney turned in an excellent floor game.

State High—Niles varsity summary:

State High—27	B	F	P
Smith, f	4	1	1
Dunbar, f	0	2	1
Knowlton, c	3	2	3
Cain, g	1	2	4
Woodworth, g	2	0	2
Wood, f	0	0	2
Niles—24	B	F	P
Cannady, f	3	1	0
Foster, f	3	1	2
Carouthers, c	1	1	3
Hall, g	1	4	2
Park, g	0	0	2
Mace, f	0	1	0
Geishart, f	0	0	1
Geory, g	0	0	1

Support Your School's Sports

My Love Me Warm

The last bulletins from received before connection broken due to bad weather. It is reported that students of that school have been taking advantage of small vacations (legal ones), for venturing out in the snow and ice.

They are told that one Don Brown showed his gallantry by helping a girl out of trouble on the ice. However, this seems to mind.

Carver and Al Ryan exhibited skill with skates, the latter for the benefit of a feminine audience, tell us. A controversy is raging whether or not she enjoyed skating alone and watching him.

A new method for sliding has been introduced by "Hunchback" Orwin. It is said he doesn't recommend it, though.

We are hoping to re-establish connections soon and will announce further reports as they are given us. However, it is feared that winter activities will be interrupted by an alleged heat wave. The temperature may go up to 15!

Maladjustments Are Muled By Neurotic Nincompoops

A stranger to these beloved halls might find it difficult to believe that we are the happy-go-lucky, care free, fun loving, cheerful characters that we are, for quite lately certain people have been heard to say, "If there's one thing I can't stand it's——"

John Bigelow—Liesel Kestler
Long skirts—John Gelder
People who won't tell you why they are mad—Nancy Kurtz
Shirley—(lovingly) Bob Pyne
Boot marks on the back of legs—Goldie Foooy
Crooked doors—Ernest Weber
Tall men—Jill Gannaway
Highlights reporters—Steve Fast
Breaking into art lockers for a pen and finding my own. (I always skip to Locker 8)—Shirley Beebe
Monitor reports—Jim Carver
That NEW LOOK!—Jim Pore
Rods knocking and Aunt Katie's Shop—Skip Bills
Cold water—Bob Dunbar
Long skirts—Clair Kirkpatrick
People who don't have pet peeves—sincerely your reporter

Be Our Valentine



"WELL, ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO
MAKE UP FOR THAT REPORT CARD?"

Twitter-pated season has begun!!! At State High the girls get it off to a bang by the "Turn-a-Bout", but everyone is not this fortunate. In order to give everyone a fair chance and encourage the bashful ones, Valentine's Day came into existence. Like Thanksgiving and Christmas it starts off two months early, but then "It Takes Time Little Man, It Takes Time."

This is also the season when the gossips are in their glory. The gossip column can have its "Hay-day." Triangles will be in great form (this has no reference to Mr. Meyers or Mr. Weber). Now we don't believe in gossiping, but we have been wondering if Dick Burkhart will find another Shirley?, if Jerry Knowlton will ever have a romance, if the State High boys will again pay attention to the opposite sex at State High and vice-versa, if Mary McQuigg and Bob Lorentz will ever find their tongues, if the "Bronson Blvd. Boys" will ever pick up some of those cute Freshman girls, and if these Love affairs will ever get back to normal?.

Happy Birthday

Feb. 3—Fred Hoyt
Jim Toornman
Feb. 4—Minnie Myland
Joe Zitney
Feb. 6—Joyce Woodruff
Dick Dorgan
Feb. 7—Jim Orwin
Feb. 8—Don Parsons
Feb. 9—Bob Smith
Jacqueline Taylor
Feb. 10—Betty French
Lyall Nordal
Feb. 11—Doris Bell
Feb. 12—Lorraine Smith
Jack Rowe
Feb. 13—Skip Sterner
Feb. 14—Nella Sweet

Why does that senoir girl wear a
much time by

Onlookers, shivering in the four below zero weather, stared unbelievably as Loy Norrix sped down Oakland Drive with the top of his convertible down gaily singing "It might as well be spring."

What's this we hear about Tom McKinney hiding behind girls' skirts? Clever game these fellows play.

Bob, Bob—
Soooo big and strong.
Bob, Bob—
All day long!
And we're afraid
(though we may be wrong)
That she'll wear out her lungs
On that "Lyons" song!!

Why does that senoir girl wear a glove on her left hand whenever she is at home??????

"Frankly" speaking, Mary McQuigg's phone has been ringing quite often lately!!

So Mollie has put on some weight—at least she's gotten "Pudgey" lately!

Yes, these characters really exist in State High:
Slaughter Jackie!
Pst
Pull on Sue
Tough Alice
Ow'en Crawford

ATTEND
Cherrytree Chop